PAYT Workgroup Meeting

September 15,2020

Zoom Conference Call

In attendance:

Tom Darling	Yes	Laurie Bent	Yes
Philip Saunders	Yes	Elisabeth DePietro	Yes
Jacquelyn Jackson	Yes	David Ayer	Yes
Julia Greene	Yes	Leon Gaumond	Yes
Tom Cullen	Yes		

Public Comment:

None

Minutes:

The August 4, 2020 minutes were presented. Motion to approve by Tom Darling, seconded by Phil Saunders. Passed unanimously.

Composting:

Jacquelyn Jackson and Tom Cullen reported on meeting with Black Earth on starting a scrap food collection at the transfer station. Black Earth expressed an interest in using Weston as a hub for vehicles in short run and Merriam Street brush dump becoming a processing center in long term.

David Ayer shared that he received a quote from CERO to provide 3 large bins for food scraps at the transfer station for \$ 84 / week with weekly pick up.

A pilot food scrap collection program was proposed. Some discussion points were:

- Who would collect data from pilot program
- Weight being eliminated from traditional waste stream needs to be recorded
- Providing / selling home totes to promote program Recycling Dividends Grant
- Advertising / promoting program Ask SWAG to help

Tom Darling made a motion that the Weston PAYT workgroup recommends that the transfer station adopt, at reasonable cost, a pilot compost program until the next fiscal year to measure the ability of said pilot to lower solid waste disposal. David Ayer seconded. Passed unanimously.

PAYT Modelling:

Julia Greene presented a financial model of PAYT program utilizing past totals of Weston's solid waste. The group discussed the different variables.

Recycling Material:

Phil Saunders inquired of Julia Greene on how confident are we that the recycled materials are actually recycled and not just put in the regular solid waste stream. Phil commented that the cost to the town is sometimes higher to recycle over the standard solid waste.

Private Haulers:

Julia Greene provided a presentation on best practices of developing a private hauler program. Private haulers are regulated by the Board of Health in Weston. Elisabeth DePietro, a member of the Board of Health, felt that the board is focused on the COVID 19 pandemic and that now is not the time to ask them to address this issue. All agreed.

Next Meeting:

October 13, 2020 3:00pm

Discussion Items: Select Board – Bulk Item and Composting

Promoting Composting

Next Step in PAYT path.